

REMARKS

The Office Action of 11/16/2006 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the claims have been amended as set forth above. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the present remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 and 6-14 were rejected as being unpatentable over Sih in view of Atarius. The remaining claims were rejected as being unpatentable over the same base combination further in view of one or more additional references. Claims 8 and 12-14 have been canceled. The remaining claims have been amended to more clearly distinguish over the cited references. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In particular, the claims have been amended to recite a rake receiver comprising at least two fingers, and a combiner coupled to said fingers, wherein *each of* the at least two fingers comprises a finger compensator. No such feature is taught or suggested by the cited references.

In Atarius, instead of each finger comprising a finger compensator as claimed, an environment variation estimation signal is provided *in common to all* of the fingers. Complex situations, like Doppler shifts under high-speed conditions, cannot be handled as effectively as in the present invention.

Allowance of claims 1-7 and 9-11 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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